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SAIGON—Maj. Gen. Edward G. Lansdale, U.S. Air Force (Ret.), arrived here yesterday to take up his new job as adviser on pacification to U.S. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge.

Lansdale saw Lodge but declined to speak to reporters about his new role. As an employee of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, Lansdale became famous in Asia in the 1950s as an adviser to Presidents Ramon Magsaysay of the Philippines and Ngo Dinh Diem of South Viet Nam.

Meanwhile U.S. and Vietnamese bombing attacks continued at a brisk pace in both the South Vietnamese countryside and against military targets in North Viet Nam.

AN ESTIMATED TWO Viet Cong companies ambushed a platoon of the poorly trained "popular force" government militia in Vinh Binh Province, about 75 miles southwest of Saigon and virtually wiped out.

the unit Saturday. Military spokesman said Viet Cong losses were not known.

Just after midnight yesterday a Viet Cong platoon struck hard at the village of Ba Hon, just to miles southeast of Saigon, and inflicted "heavy" casualties before withdrawing in the face of artillery fire.

On the same day a Viet Cong unit reported killing 12 Viet Cong and capturing 37 "suspects" in a one-day "search-and-destroy" operation in the coastal plain area near Tam Ky, 360 miles northeast of the 1st Battalion of the 30 Ma-

and 16 captured, according to a military communiqué.

In the same province five U.S. Navy fighter-bombers attacked an area just 15 miles southwest of Saigon, where about 400 Viet Cong had been reported seen, but a military spokesman said "no results of the strike are known at this time."

More than 1,200 U.S. Marines from Camp Pendleton,

Calif., landed at Da Nang, 380 miles northeast of Saigon, yesterday as part of "a normal rotation replacement" of

the 1st Battalion of the 30 Marine Regiment which has been stationed near the Da Nang airfield since March 8.

A similar search operation in

The Marines being replaced

the rice rich delta area will leave for the U.S. soon.

10 Viet Cong killed